

MINUTES OF STUDY SESSION - February 23, 2016

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a study session on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 4:00 P.M. in the media center at Aspen Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, Deborah C. Taylor and Paula H. Hill.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith, and members of the administrative staff. There were two others in attendance.

The following took place during the study session:

Board members reviewed and discussed the district goals outlined in the Board training held on February 2. The discussion continued until 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING – February 23, 2016

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium at Aspen Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, Deborah C. Taylor and Paula H. Hill.

Also present: Superintendent Samuel Y. Jarman, Business Administrator Robert W. Smith and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 72 others in attendance.

Board member Debbie Taylor conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Cub Scout Troop 1311 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVERENCE

Cortney Boice offered the reverence.

STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

The following Aspen students were recognized for their excellence:

- Gunner Cloward
- Jilli Bellon
- Bridge Anderson
- Joseph Andengard
- Peyton Welker
- Elijah Woolf
- Eli Frisbie

ALPINE FOUNDATION RECOGNITIONS

Jeanette Bennett, Foundation Board member, presented the “You Make A Difference” awards to the following individuals at Aspen Elementary:

- Brittany Smart, Certified Employee
- Karla Bowles, Certified Employee
- Phil Hansen, Classified Employee
- Unju Johnson, Classified Employee
- Ashley Boice, Volunteer
- Jen Walker, Volunteer
- Christine Finlayson, Volunteer

PRINCIPAL, PTA, AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORTS

SCC Chair Ryan Higgins reported the school’s Trust Lands money was used to fund three reading programs for the current school year, with plans to do the same next year. They also were able to fund professional development for the teachers and received great feedback about the collaboration effort.

Co-PTA President Kari Woolf reported they have a dedicated and talented PTA board. Collectively, they run 22 different programs and, while they are conservative with the budget, they are successful in raising enough money to fund the programs. The approachable environment created by the school administration is appreciated. The following are the three goals of the Aspen PTA Board:

1. Put the “T” in PTA by focusing on faculty communication and involvement to encourage their promotion, support and attendance at the after school events. Created a simple incentive to increase faculty participation and membership in PTA. The result was a 100% participation rate this year.
2. Willingness to change it up when needed by retiring a few programs that had run their course and introduce some new programs. The student appreciation day has been one of the highlights of the year.
3. Play to our strengths. Aspen Elementary has an avid group of parent runners, as well as, a principal who is a marathon runner. To capitalize on that strength, a running club was created. Students run on Tuesday and Thursday and volunteers log their progress. The PTA sponsors a Chinese New Year celebration, which brings the community together to learn about Chinese Immersion program. Aspen’s motto this year is, “We are a school that dreams, believes and achieves”.

Principal Brad Davies recognized the faculty, staff, PTA and SCC members who were in attendance. Aspen Elementary is 35 years old and he has been the principal for seven years. Principal Davies talked about the Chinese Immersion program and the opportunity it provides to bring other individuals into the school and enjoy the Aspen experience. He recognized Aspen’s strong theatrical program and the opportunity they have to host students from Taiwan each year. Principal Davies thanked the Board, Superintendent Jarman and Cabinet for all their support.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 2016-002 – Purchase of Two Satellites

Superintendent Sam Jarman recommended the approval to purchase one satellite for Vista Heights Middle School and another for Westlake High School.

John Burton made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-002. Paula Hill seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Recommendation from the Joint Educator Evaluation Committee (JEEC)

Dr. John Patten explained the section of Utah code that established the composition of the JEEC and their purpose to develop an evaluation system to be proposed to the Board and recommended for their adoption for the district. Dr. Patten reviewed the components of the evaluation tool and explained that it was adopted from the Utah State model. He reported that there has been feedback received from the state that new guidelines would be released regarding the evaluation tool. Board members would like an evaluation tool that is not so time consuming and stressful for administrators, which distracts from student learning.

Jodee Sundberg made a motion that we support the JEEC recommended evaluation system currently in place for this year, with the recommendation that we look for ways to simplify the evaluation system in the future that will benefit Alpine School District. John Burton seconded the motion and it passed with a vote of 5-2. John Burton, JoDee Sundberg, Debbie Taylor, Scott Carlson and Paula Hill voted in favor and Brian Halladay and Wendy Hart voted against.

2. House bill 246

Rob Smith reported that House Bill 246 failed in the house committee today.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Rob Smith gave updates on HB 246, SB 45, HB 272, HB 193, HB 25, HB 92 and SB 38.

At 7:35 P.M. Wendy Hart made a motion to return to the study session. JoDee Sundberg seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

The study session reconvened at 7:50 p.m. During this time the discussion continued about the district goals. Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Patten reviewed the Board's self-evaluation survey and recommended that the discussion continue at a future Board training. He also suggested that four of the new District goals be changed to Board goals.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Debbie Taylor made the motion to move into a closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel, property, litigation and collective bargaining issues. JoDee Sundberg seconded the motion and it passed unanimously at approximately 8:10 p.m.

MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION – February 23, 2016

Alpine School District's Board of Education met in a closed session on Tuesday, February 23, 2016, at 8:15 P.M. in the media center at Aspen Elementary.

Board members present: President John C. Burton, Vice President JoDee C. Sundberg, S. Scott Carlson, Brian E. Halladay, Wendy K. Hart, Deborah C. Taylor and Paula H. Hill.

The purpose of the closed session was to discuss personnel, property, litigation and collective bargaining issues.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by JoDee Sundberg and seconded by Scott Carlson, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.